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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Currently amended): A client terminal device in which a software including a plurality of functions is installed, the device comprising:

selection means for selecting any of said functions in response to a user's operation;

usability permission request means for requesting a server apparatus to permit usability of said selected function;

~~execution~~ payment means for executing payment processing of a price of said function the usability of which is permitted in response to the request by said usability permission request means, every predetermined period when a notice of usability permission of said function is received from the server apparatus;

count means for counting a period in which said function remains ~~is being~~ not executed;

usability prohibition ~~termination~~ request means for requesting the server apparatus to ~~terminate~~ prohibit a usability of said function if said counted period exceeds a ~~threshold~~ the predetermined period; and

usability payment ~~termination receiving~~ means for executing termination processing of payment of the price of said function the usability of which is prohibited in response to the request by said usability prohibition request means receiving a notice of usability termination of said function from the server apparatus.

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Claim 17 (Previously presented): A device according to claim 16, wherein said function is at least one of a scan function, print function, a copy function and a facsimile transmission function.

Claim 18 (Currently amended): A device according to claim 16, further comprising icon display means for displaying icons corresponding to said functions, said icon display means distinctly displays the icons distinctly between functions in a state of usability permission and functions in a state of usability ~~termination~~ prohibition.

Claim 19 (Currently amended): A server apparatus for charging to a use of a software installed in a client terminal device, said apparatus comprising:

usability permission request receiving means for receiving from said client terminal device a request of permitting usability of any of a plurality of said functions of said software;

usability permission informing means for informing a notice of usability permission of said any of said plurality of functions ~~function~~ to the client terminal device in response to the request received by said usability permission request receiving means;

charge means for periodically charging every predetermined period to the function which is in a state of usability permission among said plurality of the functions in ~~of~~ said software;

usability ~~termination prohibition~~ request receiving means for receiving from said client terminal apparatus a request of ~~terminating prohibiting~~ usability of the function any of functions which remains being in a state of usability permission for the predetermined period among said plurality of functions in ~~of~~ said software;

usability prohibition informing means for informing said client terminal apparatus of a notice of usability prohibition of the function in response to the request received by said usability prohibition request receiving means; and

charge control means for controlling said charge means to terminate charge for the function which is in a state of usability prohibition ~~said functions in response to said usability termination request; and~~

~~usability termination informing means for informing said client terminal apparatus of a notice of usability termination of said functions.~~

Claim 20 (Previously presented): A server apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said function is at least one of a scan function, print function, a copy function and a facsimile transmission function.

Claim 21 (Previously presented): A server apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said charge means executes charge process in response to a reception of request of usability permission from the client terminal device, and said usability permission informing means informs the client terminal device of a notice of usability permission of said function when said charge process is executed.

Claim 22 (Currently amended): A control method of client terminal device in which a software including a plurality of functions is installed, said method comprising the step of:

selecting any of said functions in response to a user's operation;
requesting a server apparatus to permit usability of said selected function;
executing, every predetermined period, payment processing of a price of said function
the usability of which is permitted in response to the request by said usability permission

~~request step when a notice of usability permission of said function is received from the server apparatus;~~

counting a period in which said function remains is being not executed;

requesting the server apparatus to ~~terminate~~ prohibit a usability of said function if said counted period exceeds the predetermined period; ~~a threshold~~; and

executing termination processing of payment of the price of said function the usability of which is prohibited in response to the request by said usability prohibition request step
~~receiving a notice of usability termination of said function from the server apparatus.~~

Claim 23 (Currently amended): A control method of a server apparatus for charging to a use of a software installed in a client terminal device, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving from said client terminal device a request of permitting usability of any of a plurality of said functions of said software;

informing a notice of usability permission of said any of said plurality of functions ~~function~~ to the client terminal device in response to the request received in said usability permission request receiving step;

~~periodically~~ charging, every predetermined period, to the function which is in a state of usability permission among said plurality of the functions of in said software;

receiving from said client terminal apparatus a request of ~~terminating~~ prohibiting usability of the function any of functions which remains being in a state of usability permission for the predetermined period among said plurality of functions of in said software;

informing said client terminal apparatus of a notice of usability prohibition of the function in response to the request received in said usability prohibition request receiving step; and

terminating charge for said functions the function which is in a state of usability prohibition in response to said usability termination request; and

informing said client terminal apparatus of a notice of usability termination of said functions.

Claim 24 (Currently amended): A record medium storing a program readably by a computer for implementing a control method of client terminal device in which a software including a plurality of functions is installed, said method comprising the step of:

selecting any of said functions in response to a user's operation;

requesting a server apparatus to permit usability of said selected function;

executing, every predetermined period, payment processing of a price of said function the usability of which is permitted in response to the request by said usability permission request step when a notice of usability permission of said function is received from the server apparatus;

counting a period in which said function remains is being not executed;

requesting the server apparatus to prohibit terminate a usability of said function if said counted period exceeds a threshold the predetermined period; and

executing termination processing of payment of the price of said function the usability of which is prohibited in response to the request by said usability prohibition step receiving a notice of usability termination of said function from the server apparatus.

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Claim 25 (Currently amended): A record medium storing a program readably by a computer for implementing a control method of a server apparatus for charging to a use of a software installed in a client terminal device, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving from said client terminal device a request of permitting usability of any of a plurality of said functions of said software;

informing a notice of usability permission of said any of said plurality of functions ~~function~~ to the client terminal device in response to the request received in said usability permission request receiving step:

periodically charging, every predetermined period, to the function which is in a state of usability permission among said plurality of the functions of in said software;

receiving from said client terminal apparatus a request of prohibiting terminating usability of the function any of functions which remains being in a state of usability permission for the predetermined period among said plurality of functions in of said software;

informing said client terminal apparatus of a notice of usability prohibition of the function in response to the request received in said usability prohibition request receiving step; and

terminating charge for the function which is in a state of usability prohibition said functions in response to said usability termination request; and

~~informing said client terminal apparatus of a notice of usability termination of said functions.~~